

FARMER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION Winter 2018

"Learn to Write Your Own Nutrient Management Plan"



The Farmer Training and Certification workshops provide opportunities for producers with cropland and pastures who use commercial fertilizer and/or manure to learn how to write nutrient management plans for their operation that meet Maryland Department of Agriculture's regulations.

Individuals with fields or pastures high in soil test phosphorus may require additional training and a greater time commitment.

Required Skills:

Competency in high school math, familiarity with using a keyboard, and the ability to save and retrieve files on a computer are essential for completion of the course and nutrient management plan development.

You will receive:

- **A comprehensive training binder** the training binder will be used during the class, serve as a reference during the open-book exam, and be a valuable resource when you write future plans for your operation.
- **Certification** producers who pass the exam will be certified by MDA to write their own nutrient management plans.
- **Voucher training credits** this class will fulfill the nutrient applicator voucher training requirements.

Registration Information

- Space is limited and registrations are accepted on a first-come basis; therefore, **register early**.
- Paid registrations must be received 10 days before the first class. For more information, please call 410-841-5959. Classes will be cancelled if there is insufficient enrollment.

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day (\$35, includes lunch on first day)

#1	University of Maryland Wye Research	January 16 (snow date January 19) and January 30	
	and Education	(exam and plan writing) (snow date February 2)	
#2	University of Maryland Extension	February 5 (snow date February 9) and February 19	
	Frederick County office	(exam and plan writing) (snow date February 21)	

6 – 9 PM each evening (\$20 is the certification fee)

#3	University of Maryland Extension – Howard County Office p this portion for your records		February 6, 13, 20, 27 (exam) March 6 (plan writing) and March 14 (snow date)	
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Mail completed form and payment to: Nutrient Management Program, Maryland Department of Agriculture, and 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, Maryland 21401